Ddual Citizenship

824. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) :
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration a proposal to grant dual citizenship to people of Indian origin settled abroad as per the assurance given by the Prime Minister sometime back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any problems or difficulties have been identified in the implementation of the proposal; and

(d) by when the proposal is likely to be finalised and formally announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (d) A High Level Committee on Indian Diaspora set up by the Government in September 2000, in its report submitted in January 2002 recommended, *inter alia,* the grant of dual citizenship to persons of Indian origin settled in certain countries. This recommendation is under examination. It is not possible to indicate a time frame for the completion of this examination at this stage.

Fencing Along Indo-Bangla Border

825. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the second phase of fencing along the Indo-Bangla border in South Bengal has hit a road block due to shifting of villages;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether any negotiations with Bangladesh Rifles have been made in the past few months to clear the hurdles on fencing;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by when entire fencing on Indo-Bangla border is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (e) No Sir, However, since the border fence on the Indo-Bangladesh border is being constructed at a minimum distance of about 150 yards from the zero line in terms of the Joint India-Bangladesh Guidelines for